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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: IMCO, PBOR, ETRN, SENV  
SUBJECT: IMCO MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE: LOS ISSUES

REF: LONDON 12260; STATE 209908

1. IN ABSENCE SWISS LOS EXPERT JEAN MONET (AT SIXTH COMMITTEE OF UN UNTIL MONDAY), EMBOFF CALLED ON DR. ROGER BAER (DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, FPD), WHO WILL BE SWISS DELEGATE AT IMCO MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE. BAER VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTED US CONTENTIONS RE ARTICLE 8, FULLY AGREED IT SHOULD BE DELETED, AND STATED IT UNTHINKABLE THAT SWITZERLAND WOULD SIGN CONVENTION WHICH INCLUDED SUCH AN ARTICLE.

2. BAER, WHO DID NOT ATTEND SESSIONS THAT HAD DRAFTED THIS ARTICLE, WAS ASTONISHED THAT COMMITTEE HAD COME UP WITH THIS LANGUAGE. HE NOTED THAT SWITZERLAND AS INLAND NATION WAS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO RESTRICTIVE MEASURES WHICH COASTAL STATES COULD IMPOSE ON SHIPPING IF ARTICLE 8 ALLOWED TO STAND.

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3. BAER PLANS TO ARRIVE LONDON IN TIME FOR CONFERENCE  
SESSION ON MORNING OF OCTOBER 29. HE ASKED THAT MEMBER OF US  
DELEGATION CONTACT HIM IN ORDER TO BRIEF HIM ON EVENTS LEADING  
UP TO COMMITTEE'S ADOPTION OF ARTICLE 8. HE WOULD NO DOUBT  
ALSO BE RECEPTIVE TO PLANNING COORDINATED STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE  
THE ARTICLE.  
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